



At HafenCity University Hamburg, subject to the provision of funds by the funding body, the following position in the field of urban planning is expected to be available from 01.07.2025 as a

**Research Associate (m/f/d) – in the project: „EnTRA –
(Energy Transition for Climate Neutrality in the BSR)“**

Pay group 13 TV-L

to support research with 75% of the regular weekly working time. The position is a fixed-term appointment until June. 30, 2028. The specific period of employment may still be adjusted.

About us

The HafenCity University Hamburg, University of Architecture and Metropolitan Development (HCU) is a university that focuses on the built environment. The HCU unites all aspects of building and design, engineering, and natural sciences as well as geoscientific and social sciences under one roof.

EnTRA (Interreg BSR Platform Project) unites 18 energy transition projects and their results. EnTRA improves knowledge transfer on local and regional energy transition solutions and enables broad uptake of both technical and governance solutions through the EnTRA Resource Hub, a Policy Memorandum, the Institutional Ambassadors Program on energy transition, and the Knowledge Community for learning and exchange to build capacity among target groups and improve uptake of results.

The position is assigned to the professorship of Prof. Dr. -Ing. Jörg Knieling.

Here you can find further information about the [HCU](#) and the [Arbeitgeberin Freie und Hansestadt Hamburg](#) as an employer.

Your tasks

The position includes organizational and research activities in the EnTRA project. These include, in particular, communication with the INTERREG BSR Secretariat and the international project partners, ensuring project progress and implementation, organizing and moderating project meetings, analyzing governance solutions for the Resource Hub, conducting a high-level Policy Workshop, drafting the Policy Memorandum, and further representative tasks to represent the HCU in international networks and at events. The project language is English.

Your profile

mandatory requirements

- university degree (Master's degree or equivalent) in the field of urban or regional planning, sustainability science, geography, administrative science, political or social science or a comparable field of study
- very good command of written and spoken English

additional requirements

- Knowledge of energy topics and the energy transition in the urban context
- Strong communication and presentation skills
- Initial experience in (scientific) project management/organization and moderation of project meetings and events
- Initial experience in project work in international and interdisciplinary research and inter- and transdisciplinary cooperation with partners from science, administration and practice
- German language skills are a plus
- Ability to work independently and conceptually
- Competency with the usual Office programs (Word, Excel etc.)

Benefits

- workplace at an attractive location in HafenCity
- varied work in a university environment in cooperation with international scientific partners
- a family-friendly university that supports its employees in balancing work and family life
- support for professional and personal development through a wide range of training and continuing education opportunities
- discounts in the canteen of the student union, etc.

How to apply

In addition to an informative cover letter in which you explain to what extent you meet the requirements profile, we need the following documents from you:

- curriculum vitae in tabular form,
- proof of vocational training,
- current appraisal or current certificate (see also notes on the application and selection process),
- relevant proof of further training,
- proof of a severe disability or equal status in the selection process,
- declaration of consent to inspect your personnel file, stating the office responsible for your personnel file (only for applicants from the public sector).

For questions and further information, do not hesitate to contact Prof. Dr. -Ing. Jörg Knieling mail to joerg.knieling@hcu-hamburg.de

The applicant's classification in regard to the level of experience within the advertised TV-L pay group is based on the candidate's individual work experience and reviewed by the HR department. Legally binding statements can only be made by the HR department of the HCU.

Please send your application (including CV, cover letter, and copies of relevant certificates), no later than 25.06.2025 (preferably by email as one PDF file) to:

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Personalverwaltung
Stellen-Nr.: 2025-73
Henning-Voscherau-Platz 1
20457 Hamburg
E-Mail: HCU-bewerbung@vw.hcu-hamburg.de

Please include the reference number „**2025-73** “ in your application.

Please be aware that in case of an invitation to an interview, HCU will not be able to cover any expenses for travel and lodging.

Due to the high number of applicants, the HCU will not be able to return application documents. Therefore, please do not submit originals of certificates. If you add a post-paid envelope, the HCU will return your application documents.